

Indiana HOUSSE Information

In 2007, Indiana received federal approval to continue the use of the **High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation (HOUSSE)** for veteran teachers (teachers with at least one year of teaching experience) who are required to meet the highly qualified teacher standard.

HOUSSE will not be phased out as originally planned; however, HOUSSE is not an option for beginning teachers.

Highly Qualified Teacher Standard:

HOUSSE is one way to demonstrate competence in the core academic subjects, but not the only way.

To meet the highly qualified standard, **veteran elementary teachers must have:**

1) Completed requirements for a valid Indiana teaching license appropriate for elementary school grades or be in an approved alternative certification program that meets the requirements of 34 CFR 300.18(b)(2) **AND**

2) Demonstrated subject matter knowledge **in one of the following ways:**

- ☐ Passed either the PRAXIS II (#10011) licensing exam entitled "Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment"
- ☐ Passed the National Teacher Exam (NTE) (#20010) Specialty test called "Education in the Elementary School"
- ☐ Earned 100 points on the HOUSSE

To meet the highly qualified standard, **veteran secondary teachers (including teachers of middle school, junior high school grade 7 and above) must have:**

1) Completed requirements for a valid Indiana teaching license appropriate for the middle school, junior high and/or secondary grade levels or be in an approved alternative certification program that meets the requirements of 34 CFR300.18(b)(2) **AND**

2) Demonstrated subject matter knowledge **for each core academic subject (CAS) taught**, in one of the following ways:

- ☐ Passed the PRAXIS II exam
- ☐ Passed the NTE specialty exam
- ☐ Earned a bachelor's degree or completed 24 college credit hours
- ☐ Earned a master's degree in the CAS
- ☐ Completed the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification (NBTC)
- ☐ Earned 100 points on the HOUSSE

Public school teachers who are the primary instructors of elementary academic content and secondary core academic subjects must meet the highly qualified standard. **The core academic subjects are defined as the following:** English, reading/language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, history, geography, and fine arts (music, art and theater). Teachers who teach any subjects not listed as core academic subjects are not required to meet the highly qualified standard. For more information, or to obtain a copy of the HOUSSE form, see Indiana's Highly Qualified Teachers web site: www.doe.state.in.us/hqt.

Questions

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